

Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board

June 16, 2015

The Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board met June 16, 2015, Attending: Amber O'Neill, Greg Van Fosson, Pat Reed, Beth Aswegan, Erin Ford, Linda Jenny, Chris Canon, and Doug Follman. Visiting: Abby Canon.

Prior to the meeting, a driving tour was taken to the beach construction and the spillway bridge.

Pat Reed opened the meeting at 6: 54. Pat Reed asked for a review and approval of minutes of April 28, 2015. Doug Follman moved that the minutes stand approved as read, second by Linda Jenny.

Greg Van Fosson gave the DNR update. The budget for DNR is status quo and as yet unapproved by the legislature. A 5-year plan, for parks funding is expected. Approved funds of about \$100,000 are distributed to use for maintenance, regionally.

May 2, 2015, the State Friends Group met at Lake Ahquabi. The Friends Group discussed a concern of liability of groups that raise funds for parks and those that have concessions.

Beach construction: Phase 2 constructions of cabins, at the beach, and stone portals were pulled due to funding. The cabins' construction bids are over budget and on hold. Rest Rooms and shelter house and cabanas will be constructed, as planned.

The Office of the State Archeologists reviewed the request of putting hitching posts near Brushy Creek rest rooms. The reviewed has been handed off to the State Historic Preservation Office, for approval within 30 days.

Park updates: the trail bypass extension, near the North campground, is rocked and completed. Campsite hitching rails need improvement. The wet conditions have inhibited repair of the hitching rails. Fresh small limestone will be added to the muddy hitching rails.

Abby Canon has made a suggestion, to form an "Adopt a campsite" program. There is interest to build support to improve individual sites. Greg will look into how to collect donations on-site for park improvement for individual campsites.

Trail conditions: Wickwire Road hill and Creek Side trail are in poor condition from the summer rains. The Des Moines river continues to cut into the banks of the southwest and southeast trails.

Abby Canon discussed grants from AQHA to fund existing trails. Projects are to be completed in part by volunteer hours. Linda Jenny made a motion that Abby complete the application, for the grant from AQHA. Second by Doug Follman. Carried.

Erin Ford told about her program "Selfie Scavenger Hunt", instructions are posted in the campground Kiosks. Directions are given to have participants send in "selfie" pictures at these locations. Two winners of a drawing of photographs will receive a \$30 Visa gift card. Organized rides planned to be held at Brushy Creek: Competitive Mounted Orienteering, NATRC Competitive Trail ride, and the River City roundup.

Next meeting Tuesday October 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Aswegan